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THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1909.

NOT DEAD, BUT SLEEPING.

With the minority bill rejected and the majority, or Barnum bill accepted by the Senate, and with the minority bill rejected, and the majority bill indefinitely postponed, by the House, there remains no doubt of the position of the present General Assembly upon the question of creating an adequately endowed public utility commission, and the charge that the body was paralyzed against the proposition stands confirmed. Yet the favorable public sentiment was so strong that the packing very nearly proved ineffective.

The Senate rejected the minority bill by only a vote; the House rejected it by but 2 votes, and then rejected it as amended by only 4 votes; finally, the House rejected the bill, and water Barnum bill by what the Courant calls "an overwhelming viva voce vote." It was, in both houses, a victory for the public service corporations, but by such very narrow margins as to deprive the results of any killing, or even quieting, influence upon future agitation for a properly constructed and adequately endowed commission. In fact, the closeness of the vote clearly invites such agitation, for it shows that but for the packing of nominations last year, the State would now have the desired commission.

The matter will come up again next year as a specially prominent issue which may even dwarf the Bulkeley-McLean Senatorial contest; indeed, these candidates may be compelled to reveal how they stand upon that issue. Certainly every candidate for legislative nominations in 1910 should be forced to make known his intentions upon this public service project; otherwise, the corporations will pack the next, as they did the present, General Assembly. There will be platform pledges, of course, but any Republican pledge will be discredited in advance by the action of the present General Assembly.

That the project of creating a public utility commission is "knocked out," is a fact, but the "count" covers only the present legislative session. It is not dead but only sleeping, and the duration of the slumber will not be lengthy. We venture to predict that the next General Assembly will enact a measure even more drastic than the amended minority bill rejected on Tuesday.

LATEST EVOLUTION OF

THE TRUST SYSTEM.

Moody's Magazine predicts that by 1920, or sooner, "we shall see vast corporations of great capital, with concentrated control, handling every type of goods, both in food supply and other. This trend in particular industries, such as the manufacture of biscuits, woolen goods, paper, etc., is very evident to-day, but most of these larger industrial trusts have concentrated their efforts up to the present time on the manufacturing and wholesale side. The retail field in this country will, therefore, be the next quarter in which we may expect the modern trust to develop."

These statements were drawn out by the organization of the "United Dry Goods Co." in New York City, which represents nearly \$50,000,000 of actual capitalization and is expected to show an annual profit of from \$5 to 10 per cent. In this connection, the article quoted from above says:

While the rise of the Claffin interests into the most conspicuous place in this line of enterprise in this country is notable, the fact should not be overlooked that accompanying this particular development has been the general development of other corporations in this particular line. A similar growth is noted in the concerns controlled at the present time in the retail dry goods field by the Siegel interests and also by the Greenhat interests and in the great mail order houses, such as Sears, Roebuck & Co. of Chicago. The Sears-Roebuck Co. is capitalized for nearly as much as the Claffin interests and its business, which is entirely that of selling by mail, runs up in gross between \$35,000,000 and \$50,000,000 a year. The mail order houses do not compete very directly with the city department stores. We shall probably see during the coming decade a further development, side by side, of these great distributing interests without seeing one type crowd out the other. Any thoughtful person who considers evolution of retail business in dry goods will recognize the fact that probably the same trend will make itself felt in practically all other lines of business within the next ten to twenty years.

If the evolution of the trust system is to extend, as predicted, to "every type of goods" as dealt in at retail, then indeed has this country come up on evil times. Competition in manufactures is extinct in nearly all staple articles; it is now, according to the writer quoted from, to be ended even in retail trade.

The only hopeful feature is that this coming evolution of the trust system may have a curb upon the rapacity

of the earlier evolution—that is, upon the producers.

Gov. Weeks says he is not considering the calling of an extra session of the General Assembly to act on the public utilities question. Possibly, the members might, after consulting their constituents, take action widely different from their recent votes, but it is probable that their pre-election obligations would be enforced by the lobby and prevent any material changes of position.

Under the new tariff, the Philippines can send here 150,000,000 cigars free of duty annually. It is, compared with this country's annual consumption of from 5,000,000,000 to 8,000,000,000 cigars a year, but a small number and it is said that even that small number exceeds the present capacity of the Philippine manufacturers. What little competition these importations may cause, will be in the cheaper grades. There is some expectation that the islands will sooner or later need and take a considerable quantity of Connecticut wrappers.

HEAD OF CHICAGO
STREET RAILWAYS
WHO FACES STRIKE

When 13,000 employees of the Chicago street railways voted favorably upon a proposal to strike it was demands which they had made were not complied with the city was confronted by a threat of the biggest traffic tieup in its recent history. Ever since the teamsters' strike of five years ago Chicago has had a wholesome fear of similar disturbances, and President Thomas E. Mitten of the Street Railway Company has been urged by the citizens to do all in his power to prevent a walkout of the car men. Proposals for arbitration have been made, and there is still hope that the strike may be averted.

GORMAN THWARTS
SENATOR RAYNER

Baltimore, Aug. 12.—Senator Rayner sought an endorsement from the Democratic State convention which met here yesterday, but not only of his record but of his candidacy for re-election as well. He felt confident the party would be committed to him until State Senator Arthur P. Gorman appeared on the scene prepared to fight.

Whether smarting under the memory of blows which Rayner had dealt the late Senator Gorman, especially four years ago when he challenged him to a joint debate on the disfranchisement amendment when they were arrayed on opposite sides, or for some other reason, young Gorman made up his mind to thwart Rayner's ambition and he rallied around him enough forces to beat the plan to endorse Rayner for another term.

He soon convinced Rayner's friends that the best interests of the party demanded that he should not ask the convention to stand for re-election to his favorite. Gorman even went so far as to say that if Rayner was determined to ask the convention to commit the party to his reelection, he would himself become a candidate, thus preventing the convention from giving a unanimous endorsement to Rayner.

When Gorman's stand was conveyed to Rayner the latter said that he had not asked the convention to endorse Rayner, but that the suggestion of the endorsement had not come from him, but from his friends, who had assured him that the delegates were anxious to commit themselves to his candidacy.

It was agreed that Rayner's record as a Senator should be indorsed but the objectionable plan was eliminated from the platform. Gorman had the active support of United States Senator Smith and showed that he intended to take his father's place in the leadership of the organization.

The convention renominated Joshua W. Hering to be State Comptroller. He was elected by a large majority.

The platform indorses the State Administration and makes the disfranchisement amendment the paramount issue.

THE KIND YOU HAVE ALWAYS BOUGHT

LABOR CONDEMNS
GOVERNOR DRAPER

Boston, Mass., Aug. 12.—Referring to the Governor of Massachusetts merely as "Eben S. Draper," a committee appointed at a special convention of the Massachusetts State Branch, American Federation of Labor, held in this city yesterday, recommended that every effort be made to defeat in campaigns for public office Governor Draper "and all other political enemies of the labor movement."

The convention was called to consider Governor Draper's veto of the eight-hour labor bill passed by the last Legislature and the general defeat of other labor measures by the Legislature, and to decide on recommendations as to what action organized labor should take in the primary and elections next fall. President Philip H. Sweet of Boston presided.

The committee later condemned the Governor for his veto and recommended that any person "raising a voice or using influence in behalf of Eben S. Draper shall be regarded and denounced as an enemy of our movement," and that a vote of thanks be tendered to the State Senate and House for their support of the eight-hour bill.

CLEAN EASY, THE BEST HAND SOAP.

WOMEN TO PLAY
AT STATESMANSHIP

Newly Formed Good Government Club Has Cabinet Officers, Senators and Representatives in Silks and Laces.

New York, Aug. 12.—Nearest approaching ideal plans for femininity of Government control of which anti-suffragists are constantly warning, is the organization of the Good Government Club, the proposed work of which was made known yesterday. With a full-fledged cabinet, a perfectly working congress, judges of the Supreme Court, officers of the army and navy and heads for other important Government business, this extraordinary club will go into session for a trial term early this fall.

Its mission, as announced, is purely to educate the feminine mind concerning affairs of State.

"However," said an enthusiastic member, "we cannot say yet to what lengths we may go before the season is over. Our study and investigation may eventually lead to some line of active reform work."

The chief object of the club is to make a thorough study of the various forms of Government since the world began, and the many evils that assail them. Trust busting, threatened monopoly of the dressmaking business by a rapidly increasing number of men ownership of millinery emporiums and beauty parlors from the same threatened quarter, and the tariff, affecting all articles of womanly interest from hairpins to shoes, will be carefully looked into and considered during the progress of the club work.

Mrs. Belle de Rivera, president of the City Federation of Women's Clubs, has been chosen by the members of the club to head the new organization. The members of the new club will include many of the most prominent club women, who, while not all avowed suffragists, are desirous of using it with post-graduate intelligence. Incidentally, the organizers say, the work of the new organization will effectually dispose of the old-time charge against universal suffrage, that women do not understand the workings of National, State, and municipal political machinery.

The scope of the club's work will be as broad as the constitution of a Democratic Government can make it, after which model the new clubs will be fashioned. The House and Senate will include a full quorum of members, comprising Republicans, Democrats, members of the Socialist, Prohibition, Populist, and any other party that may for reasons of expediency see purposes as desirable to include. Also there will be a Speaker of the House of Representatives. As this is regarded by the organizers as the most important office to be filled from the point of parliamentary experience, the appointment will be decided by the club members made from a selected few whom the members now have in mind.

The idea of the club originated with Mrs. A. S. Wilkes, of West 17th street, and Mrs. J. L. Rood, both well known in important women's club work in the city.

The club will differ in one particular from many other women's organizations, in that it will give every member some work to do. In fact, membership in the new club means active participation in studying the problems of Government as they will be worked out by the new society.

During this feminine congress, from time to time, it is planned to have eminent statesmen who sit in the real Congress at Washington address the members from the floor of the house. The National capital of the new congress has not been decided upon, but it will not be one of the largest halls to be had, owing to the large membership.

Among well known women who will be actively identified with the new congress are Sarah Dickinson Lewis, Mrs. Augustine Wilson, Mrs. Gerard Barker, Mrs. Lillian Wright Hester, and Mrs. Jean Crosby, president of the Women's Democratic Club.

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The new station is to be in the heart of the city, facing one of the city's largest and finest parks. The station building itself will cost \$1,000,000. It is to be of classic design, absolutely fireproof of monumental proportions and will contain every convenience for travelers that could be thought of. The building is to be in the shape of a T, built of native dressed stone. The main building will be four stories in front and five in the rear, the main entrance to be on the second floor and the first floor level with the train platform.

The main building will be 515 by 166 2-3 feet. The main entrance will be spanned by five huge arches 70 feet in height. Broad arched doorways will lead into a lobby 75 by 300 feet with a glass arched ceiling 115 feet above the floor. The main waiting room will extend over the platform, connecting with a five story building in which will be the emigrant waiting room. The main waiting room will be 335 by 166 2-3 feet and will have 67,000 feet of floor space. On either side will be a "midway," one for incoming and one for outgoing passengers, with numerous stairways and elevators to the train platform.

The first floor of the main building will extend over the baggage room with a trade up to the second floor. The baggage and express will be carried to the train through subway. The train shed will have twelve through tracks, each 2,800 feet long and accommodating two trains. The 300 passenger trains will arrive and depart from the station every day.

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